

01-129 Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice

Agency Description

The mission of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE) is to improve the operations of the criminal justice and juvenile justice system and promote public safety by providing progressive leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community. To this end, the agency provides a forum for all elements of the criminal justice system to come together in common cause and to develop policy infrastructure and multi-agency programs which serve the needs of a wide range of criminal justice organizations, support-proven, critical, or innovative operational initiatives through the grant programs administered by the agency, promote the highest professional and ethical standards in law enforcement through high quality training programs, and to provide quality services to the criminal justice community and victims of crime within the framework of state and federal law and policy.

The goals of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice are:

1. Ensure a continued focus on the improvement of the State's criminal justice system through the equitable administration of state and federal grant programs, high quality training and education, methodically sound policy relevant research, effective multi-agency programs, providing timely assistance to victims of crime, and promoting the application of advanced technology to the criminal justice process.
2. Provide coordination and leadership for the criminal justice system through broad system wide programs which are based on participation by all aspects of the criminal justice community, and by maintaining a forum for the open discussion of criminal justice issues by all concerned.

The commission is comprised of 50 individuals whether directly employed by a criminal justice system agency, persons whose work requires contact with the system or who have demonstrated an abiding interest in criminal justice. Thirty-four members are sheriffs, district attorneys, or chiefs of police. The Office of Corrections Services, the Louisiana State Police, the Department of Justice, the LSU Law Center, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senate all have representatives on the commission. Reporting to the commission are seven boards representing various components of the criminal justice system (Drug Control and Violent Crime; Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP); Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST); Crime Victims Reparations (CVR); Crime Victim Assistance (CVA); and Violence Against Women (STOP). These boards recommend priorities, policy, regulations, and specific grant applications for commission approval and make awards to victims of crimes. Federal grant programs are provided through the U.S. Department of Justice; state grant programs are funded by dedicated or self-generated funds or state appropriations.

In addition to these boards, eight law enforcement regional planning councils also report to the commission. Membership of the boards and councils is representative of local criminal justice and governmental agencies. Louisiana has over 300 state and local agencies engaged in law enforcement and criminal justice activities. Because the LCLE is composed of criminal justice leaders representing all aspects of the justice system, it is often used as a coordinating body for efforts that involve multiple jurisdictions or different branches or levels of government.

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The LCLE has two programs: Federal Programs and State Programs.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

| | ACTUAL 2001-2002 | ACT 13 2002-2003 | EXISTING 2002-2003 | CONTINUATION 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING: | | | | | | |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct) | \$5,215,191 | \$1,858,757 | \$1,858,757 | \$2,716,100 | \$2,591,540 | \$732,783 |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY: | | | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues | 1,254,628 | 1,524,536 | 1,524,536 | 1,518,725 | 1,498,448 | (26,088) |
| Statutory Dedications | 1,667,085 | 5,077,441 | 5,077,441 | 6,332,408 | 5,805,008 | 727,567 |
| Interim Emergency Board | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 26,093,998 | 26,244,249 | 26,244,249 | 26,332,125 | 26,263,779 | 19,530 |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$34,230,902 | \$34,704,983 | \$34,704,983 | \$36,899,358 | \$36,158,775 | \$1,453,792 |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST: | | | | | | |
| Federal Programs | \$26,823,832 | \$26,988,424 | \$26,988,424 | \$27,061,959 | \$26,968,938 | (\$19,486) |
| State Programs | 7,407,070 | 7,716,559 | 7,716,559 | 9,837,399 | 9,189,837 | 1,473,278 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST | \$34,230,902 | \$34,704,983 | \$34,704,983 | \$36,899,358 | \$36,158,775 | \$1,453,792 |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME | | | | | | |
| EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 35 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 51 | (3) |
| Unclassified | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 36 | 55 | 55 | 55 | 52 | (3) |